

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

INDICATIONS OF PROSPERITY VERIFIED.
NEW-YORK'S RETAIL TRADE AT ITS BRIGHTEST STAGE
—CENTENNIAL BUYERS—WHOLESALE BUSINESS
SATISFACTORY.

Since the beginning of October there has been a marked activity in the retail dry goods trade, and the indications up to the present time point to a very remunerative business during the Fall and Winter.

The popularity stores on Broadway and on the avenues are crowded daily, and the numerous employes are kept busy attending to the orders of customers. The readiness with which buyers make their purchases, as compared with last season, is a significant feature of this year's trade. The unsteadiness of prices last year was perplexing not only to storekeepers but also to their patrons, who, before giving their orders, would visit many establishments to find out where they could supply their wants at the lowest figures. Each season, prior to the opening of business, intending purchasers visit a great many establishments to ascertain the styles which will prevail, and learn where the best bargains can be obtained. The prices of the materials and articles most sought for have been found to be really uniform this Fall in all the leading stores, and buyers make their selections without hesitation in the places which they desire to patronize. The retail business, storekeepers say, is now in its brightest stage. All the people who left the city for the country in the summer have returned, and crowded the shops from early in the morning till late in the afternoon. In addition to the regular city trade, the great number of people who come to the city on their way to or from the Centennial Exhibition has contributed largely to swell the receipts of dealers. Many of these Centennial visitors make their purchases in large quantities, as coming from a great distance they find they can supply every want in New-York much more cheaply than in their own cities. In many instances these Centennial visitors are charged with commissions to execute for several families. New-York is at last reaping the expected gains from the Centennial Exhibition. The general feeling among retail dealers is more cheerful than for several years before.

The predictions made in the wholesale line of business from time to time during the early part of the season, the merchants state, have been fully verified. The sales made have been profitable, the transactions extensive, and no loss has been sustained. The heaviest part of the wholesale business is now almost over, and the clerks are having a little breathing time. Nearly all the Western buyers have returned to their homes, and the bulk of the trade now going on is through orders. The Southern trade, which began much earlier than in other sections of the country, is reported to have been prosperous, and many merchants from the South have returned to this city for a second supply of goods. When the Southern buyers make their final purchases the trade of wholesale houses will depend largely upon city stores, orders for assortments, and parcels sent from neighboring places, until the taking of stock on the 1st of January, when merchants generally confident they will find a handsome profit for the year.

THE EXPLODING TRUNK.
NO CLEW TO THE OWNER—HOW THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED.

The officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad are trying to discover the sender of the trunk containing the internal machine shipped to New-York on Friday, but with success. It was checked on presentation of a ticket in the usual way, and there is no means of finding out who owned it, as far as that transaction is concerned. A number of detectives examined the machine on Saturday, but it is not considered probable that any clew will be obtained from it.

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HEAVY GALES AT SEA.

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